

SENATOR MARVEL: I'm sorry. Excuse me. The Clerk has to read the title first.

CLERK: Read LB 509. There are committee amendments.

SENATOR MARVEL: Committee amendments. Do you want to move adoption of the committee amendments first?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Mr. President, the amendments adopted by the committee are technical amendments that were brought to us at the hearing by Eldon Peterson from the Labor Department and there were some other amendments that were presented to the committee which we did not adopt. These are just amendments that were proposed to us to clear the statutes according to the federal guidelines so I move that these be adopted.

SENATOR MARVEL: How many amendments are there, Mr. Clerk? You've heard the motion and the second. Is there any further discussion on the committee amendments to LB 509? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Voting aye, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Marvel voting aye.

SENATOR MARVEL: We're voting on the committee amendments to LB 509 as explained by the chairman. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on motion to adopt.

SENATOR MARVEL: Motion is carried and the amendments are adopted. Senator Mares, what do we do with the bill?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, this is one of these bills that the federal government is imposing upon the states. It's a new law that was passed by the 1976 Congress last October. It was brought to the committee quite late during the session. This mandates that Nebraska get in compliance with the federal law which for one thing includes the raising of the wage base from the first \$4200 to the first \$6000 as of December 31, 1977. Also secondly, it expands the unemployment compensation to agricultural workers. For those who hire 10 employees in each of the 20 different weeks of the year or one who pays \$20,000 in workers wages in one quarter of the year. It also includes domestic workers. For those that pay \$1000 or more during a quarter. Also includes the subdivisions of government, the state, county, and city school districts. Except for elected officials, legislative, and judicial officers, National Guard personnel, temporary employees hired to cope with emergencies, plus major non-tenured policy making positions. There was no opposition at the hearing and those that were there told the committee that it is very necessary that we pass this to include these new employers.

SENATOR MARVEL: Now, your motion is to advance the bill to E & R for Review as amended?

SENATOR MARESH: Right.

SENATOR MARVEL: OK, I have two lights, Senator Cullan and Senator Carsten. Senator Cullan.